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Immature youth (getting his first shave)—"Shave down please." Barber—"Yes; that's all there is to shave."—Puck.

"What is your best reason for believing that she'll marry him?" "Her parents say that she shan't."—Chicago Record.

Teacher—"What shall I take, doctor, to remove the redness of my nose?" Doctor—"Take nothing for three months."—Halo.

Teacher—"Now, Robbie, take four slices of cake from six slices, and what will there be left?" Robbie—"A lickin' for me."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Has Bill Jones been here during my absence?" asked the editor. "No, but 'nother Bill was." "Which one?" "Grocery Bill."—Atlanta Constitution.

Tommy—Does the High and Low R. R. pay, do you think? Danly—Oh, yes. I understand the conductors on that road are amassing fortunes.—Ex.

Mistress—"So you are going to leave my service? Now what motive impels you to go away?" Servant—"Its no motive, madame; it's a soldier!"—Paris Gaulois.

Teacher—"Emma, what do you know of the orchid family?" Emma—"If you please, madam, mamma has forbidden us to indulge in family gossip!"—Fliegende Blätter.

"So your son John is a courting a woman at last? I'm afraid, however, that he'll be too bashful to propose to her." "He won't need to propose; she's a widow."—New York Press.

"The things that sadden the near-sighted marksman are the difficulty with which he hits genuine game, and the unerring accuracy with which he aims at an illusive cow."—Washington Star.

Gipsy Petie—"Yes, that's my name, love! Don't you like it?" U. of M. Senior—"I think it very romantic." Gipsy Petie—"So do I; but (very coyly) I would like to change it."—Wrinkle.

The sage—"In choosing a wife, young man, you must not look for beauty alone." The youth—"Of course not. It is the other kind of a girl that one may expect to find alone."—Indianapolis Journal.

Caller—"Mercy! What are those awful yellings and screechings in the street?" Hostess—"I don't know. Either a mad steer has broken loose and is going for people to death or else school is out."—Ex.

Neighbor—"I hear your father intends to put up a new house. Who is his builder?" Boy—"What's that?" "Why, the one who bosses the job?" "Oh! Why, ma, of course."—Good News.

He—"I should think it would be very hard work to write a modern society novel." She—"What can there be so hard about it?" He—"To restrain the impulse to kill off all the leading characters."—New York Herald.

Briggs—Just for a joke, I told Miss Elderly the other day that when she laughed it was all I could do to not to kiss her." Griggs—"What happened?" Briggs—"The next time I saw her she had hysterics."—Life's Calendar.

Willie (who had eaten his apple)—"Mabel, let's play Adam and Eve. You be Eve and I'll be Adam." Mabel—"All right. Well?"

Willie—"Now you tempt me to eat your apple and I'll succumb." Judge.

She—"Papa says it is the duty of the rich to economize in these hard times, if only to set the poor a good example." He—"Does he practice what he preaches?" She—"Yes; he has discharged half the hands in the factory."—Puck.

Bliffers—"Your wife is a busy little woman. Makes her own clothes, does she?"

Wiffers—"Every thing."

"How do you work it?"

"Always fall in love with the dressmaker."—Ex.

Editor—"I like this story, but the end is too commonplace and tame. A good story should end with a snap." Roland Ritter—"Great heavens, man! Doesn't the hero marry a girl worth a cool million? Don't you call that a snap?"—Puck.

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A horse just entering the service of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade receives no special training. He is paired with a horse which has been at the station for some considerable time, and understands its duty thoroughly, and horses being quick at learning, the stranger soon gets into the swing.

An alarm is sounded, once in every twenty-four hours, and the men do not know if it is a fire or only a case of drill until they are on their engine and ready to start. After a day or two the newcomer knows what he has to do, and becomes quite excited at the sound of the bell, and places himself alongside the pole instantly.

The alarm bell rings for just sixty seconds, by the end of which time the horses are supposed to be harnessed and the engines ready to turn out.

One thing in particular generally strikes visitors at a fire station, and that is the very good behavior and friendliness of the horses. Firemen, drivers, and, in fact, all engaged about the place, make it a point to treat the horses well and get them accustomed to them.

They are most liberally fed and carefully looked after. A horse which showed any signs of viciousness would not be kept in the service. It would be too dangerous.

Horses are never taken into the service under four years of age. The work which they have to perform is very hard, and as they never have a day's rest, unless ill, it will not be wondered at that they do not last long; four or five years is about the average.

The journey for "home" calls is anything within two miles of the station, and the speed is about eighteen miles an hour. In instances of big fires, when all available engines have to be summoned to the place, the distance may be nearer ten miles than two, and as speed is so necessary at this time, the horses must possess a considerable amount of staying power to accomplish what is required of them in long distance runs. Horses which fill these requirements cost money, as horse-dealers know, and the contract price is about \$370 each. At the Central Station one pair of horses are harnessed up ready night and day; but in ordinary stations this rule is not enforced, although a pair of horses must be left in readiness at night.

Very Married People.

It is usually considered a noteworthy circumstance for a man or woman to be married three times; but of old the number would have been thought little of. St. Jerome mentions a widow that married her twenty-second husband, who in his turn had been married to twenty-two wives—surely an experienced couple!

A woman named Elizabeth Masi, who died at Florence, 1768, had been married to seven husbands, all of whom she outlived. She married the last of the seven at the age of seventy. When on her deathbed she recalled the good and bad points of each of her husbands, and having impartially weighed them in the balance, she singled out her fifth spouse as the favorite, and desired her remains might be interred near his.

The death of a soldier is recorded in 1784, who had five wives, and his widow aged ninety, wept over the grave of her fourth husband. The writer who mentioned these facts vainly added: "The soldier was much attached to the married state."

There is an account of a gentleman who was married to four wives, and lived to be one hundred and fifteen years old. When he died, he left twenty-three "children" alive and well, some of the children being from three to fourscore years old.

A gentleman died at Bordeaux in 1772, who had been married sixteen times. In July, 1768, a couple were living in Essex who had been married ninety-one years, the husband being one hundred and seven and the wife one hundred and three years of age. At the Church of St. Clement Dances, in 1772, a woman of eighty-five was married to her sixth husband.

Extracts.

The editor of the Swipesville Boom thus disposed himself last week:

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THE PILE OINTMENT

Should be Natural.

A woman never loses anything by being real. For a woman to be natural is for her to be an object of respect and love. She was created not to sway as men sway, by strong physical powers, but in her own way and by her more gentle qualities. A natural woman is the greatest power in the world to-day.

By her very nature she conquers, whether she be the wife of a humble clerk or a ten times millionaire.

"She is always so lovable, because she is so natural," was the grateful tribute I heard a group of women, a few evenings ago, pay a young woman who had just left them.

"Men are fond of her," said another woman in the group, "and yet no one would call her pretty."

Let artifice, sham or pretension enter into the nature of such a woman, and she would become at once an unwelcome guest where now she is bidden and eagerly sought for.

Some one may say, "Yes, the one you speak of is probably a rich woman and can afford to be lovable."

Not at all, my friend. She is the daughter of a man whose salary is too meager for him to give his wife a servant, and this daughter helps the mother in her house work. She is the very sunshine of that home, simply because she never tries to be what she is not.

The Mannish Girl.

The mannish girl is well enough for the hour, but she doesn't last. She begins innocently enough. She has a troop of brothers, perhaps, and is drawn into their sports in spite of herself. She catches their contempt of girls; cuts off her hair; takes pleasure in a riding habit and its odd accoutrements. Horses and dogs are her favorite companions. So she falls out of sympathy with her sex. She loses its delicacy; she is reckless of its conventions. That is always the peril of the mannish girl. As she mingles with the world, she feels a kind of vanity of being mannish. To talk slang commends her, in a measure, to her male companions. They declare her to be jolly, fetching, stunning. They take her yachting when they leave their companions at home. But they rarely marry her. That is where the maidenly girl has her revenge.

When it comes to taking a wife—a wife who shall adorn his tables; a wife who shall entertain his friends—a man seldom thinks of the mannish girl. He knows that the arts by which she attracted him will be just as attractive to others. He knows that the lack of refinement, which has a kind of rest in the girl of twenty, will turn to hopeless vulgarity in a matron of forty. Then what is the end of the mannish girl? Eternal spinsterhood.

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we started it, we hadn't a shirt to our back and now we own two.

"The egg that our well-known citizen and subscriber, John Bliggin laid on our table last week, will never be hatched. It was bad. Come again, John.

"We tender our thanks to the Ladies' Aid Society of Swingtown for a leaf of home-made bread they sent us this week. We have bored a hole in it and inserted a handle and find it useful as a mallet, in making up our forms. We are glad our wife wasn't born and raised in Swingtown.

There was a dog fight in Pewter Wednesday evening, and everybody except two old ladies got to prayer meeting late. Wednesday evening is the wrong time for prayer meeting.

"That political hustler, Sam Melton, was in town last week looking over the legislative field. Mr. M. subscribed for the Boom. We need such men as the Hon. Samuel Melton to guide the Ship of State.

"Our fellow-townsmen, Dr. Billings, amputated the leg of the man who was injured three days ago in the sawmill, with most satisfactory results, as the doctor always does.

"Our young friend, Tom Spangler, became the husband of Miss Birdie Smith of Smith's Run, on Tuesday of last week. Miss Smith is worth \$10,000 in her own right, and Tom—well, Tom is the luckiest man in the county.

"The report that we were about to get a steam press, lacks foundation in fact. The Boom will still continue to be hand made. Now is the time to subscribe."

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